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11.	Delhi	(i) Brahmkumari Educational Society, Om Shanti Complex	2.45	-	-
		(ii) National Physics Laboratory	5.00	-	-
		(iii) Technology & Management Systems, Pamposh Enclave	3.00	-	-
		(iv) All India Women Conference (AIWC)		43.53	-

Proof of concept of renewable Compressed Natural Gas

1258- SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.S. lyyangar Associates Pvt. Ltd. has given proposal to the Ministry to build and operate India's first proof of concept of renewable Compressed Natural Gas;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Sweden is using this technology and reduced dependency on natural gas; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has studied this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Development of biomass and power generation projects

1259. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has signed a $39.15 million projects with UNDP Global Environment Fund (UNDPGEF) and German financial institution (kfw) to develop projects for harnessing biomass energy resources in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the development of biomass and co-generation power projects would provide employment opportunities to rural semi-rural areas; and

(c) if so, the aims of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

The project aims at demonstrating removal of barriers in conversion of biomass to energy.

Formation of National Bio-Diesel Policy

1260. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although Jatropha has been on the fringes of the National consciousness, promissing to take care of the nation's fuel worries, Government have been slow in formulating the long overdue National Bio-diesel Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as there is no concrete national plan, the plants are running on imported vegetable oil instead of homegrown low maintenance Jatropha; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to formulate the National Bio diesel Policy at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) A Draft National Policy on Bio-fuels, which also includes bio-diesel from Jatropha and other non-edible oil bearing plants, has been prepared. The Ministry of Rural Development have taken up a national Mission on Bio-diesel with focus on large scale plantation of Jatropha curcas and Pongamia pinnata on forest and non-forest waste lands. Under this National Mission, the Ministry of Rural Development has processed the proposal for demonstration of Jatropha and Pongamia in 3 lakh hectares of land with the Expenditure Finance Committee of the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Rural Development have provided financial assistance of Rs. 49 crores to nine States for raising Jatropha nurseries.

Schemes for electrification of villages in forest area

t1261. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes made by Government for the electrification of villages situated in inaccessible and forest areas;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.